

Domestic Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
April 15, 2005

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, April 15, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Members present. David A. Ault, David Bonfiglio, David C. Chapleau, Mary Margaret Lloyd, Roderick D. McGillivray, Robyn L. Moberly, Nanette Raduenz, Nicholas L. South, Richard G. Striegel and Michael P. Scopelitis, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Lindsey Borschel, Division of State Court Administration attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the March 18, 2005 meeting were approved.
5. Domestic Relations Benchbook.
  - a. Judge Ault distributed additional Indiana cases in response to committee comments generated by his materials. Committee members completed review of Judge Ault's materials on Final Hearings.
  - b. Judge Chapleau agreed to submit, for the next meeting, a Dialogue for a Final Hearing for use when litigants are in the courtroom. Magistrate Raduenz agreed to forward her dialogue to Judge Chapleau for his information.
  - c. Judge McGillivray agreed to forward federal Title IV-D statutes concerning confidentiality to the Judicial Center.
6. Child Support Calculator.
  - a. Committee members agreed by consensus parenting time should be indicated on the online calculator worksheet for children who are younger than 21 and live at home 52 weeks a year.
  - b. Members of the committee agreed to warn users, on the off-line calculator, if there are three children and two are in post-secondary education, the total number of children must be entered on the child support obligation worksheet, as well as the correct number of post-secondary children.
  - c. Committee members agreed by consensus if a user enters one child, and this child is in post-secondary education and living at home a few weeks a year, a new step will be added to the on-line calculator to indicate the payor of controlled expenses.
  - d. Members of the committee agreed to add a date to the forms generated by each calculator.
  - e. Lindsey prepared numbers to extend the guideline schedules for 6, 7 and 8 children.
  - f. Committee members agreed Lindsey Borschel should remove the notice indicating the release date for the calculator.
  - g. Members of the committee agreed to review and test the changes on the calculators before their release.

7. Other; Next meeting date.

a. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed Senate Bill 2, arbitration in family law, Senate Bill 8, parenting time and Title IV-D and House Bill 1263 concerning ADR in domestic relations cases.

b. Committee members agreed to meet again on the following dates: May 20, July 15, August 19, and October 21, 2005 from 10:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center. There will be no June or September meeting. The November meeting will be held November 17-18, in conjunction with the Domestic Relations workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

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